



REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 2965.906US03

Pratt, et. al.

Application No.: 10/722,168

For: DOUBLE DIAPHRAGM PRECISION THROTTLING VALVE

Reissue of U.S. Patent No.: 6,321,776

Issued: November 27, 2001

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**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Sir:

As an inventor named below, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are correctly stated below next to my name.
2. I believe that I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in the above-identified patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,321,776, issued November 27, 2001, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention and entitled DOUBLE DIAPHRAGM PRECISION THROTTLING VALVE, the specification of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto as Exhibit B.
4. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of the invention, as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

5. I believe that the original patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason that the patentees claimed more or less than the patentees had the right to claim in the patent.
6. At least one error has been identified upon which the application for reissue is based, that being the following: In the single independent claim, only means-plus-function limitations recite the drive and operator elements of the claim. No independent claim specifically recites structure for these elements. Moreover, in dependant claim 5, the term "the housing" lacks antecedent basis.
7. All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants or the assignee.
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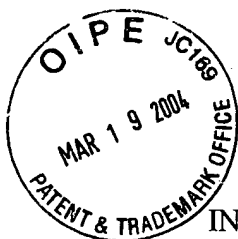
  
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